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The Present and the Next Congress.  
When the present Congress went into session, on the first Monday in December, 1857, its political aspect was ascertained to be as follows:

In the Senate there were 37 Democrats, 20 Black Republicans, and 5 Know Nothings.

In the House of Representatives there were 139 Democrats, 90 Black Republicans, and 14 Know Nothings.

The Senate and House, therefore, stood, upon joint ballot, 166 Democrats, 111 Black Republicans, and 19 Know Nothings, making a grand total of 295 members.

By these several divisions it will be seen that the Democrats had in the Senate a majority of 17 over the Black Republicans, of 32 over the Know Nothings, and of 10 over Black Republicans and Know Nothings combined. In the House they had a majority of 40 over the Black Republicans, of 116 over the Know Nothings, and 26 over Black Republicans and Know Nothings combined. Upon joint ballot they had a majority of 55 over the Black Republicans, of 147 over the Know Nothings, and of 30 over both Black Republicans and Know Nothings combined.

This was a powerful Democratic Congress.—It would seem that the Administration should have had no trouble. Things, however, were not destined to work smoothly. There were intrigues and wire-workers in this Congress who were determined that all things should not go well for the Democracy. The Black Republicans and Know Nothings sat at one that with such Democratic majorities against them in both houses of Congress they were powerless. They hence analyzed the thirty-fifth Congress, not according to old party rules, but according to the chemical antagonism between the North and South. By this analysis they found the political aspect of the present Congress to be thus:

In the Senate there were sixteen Northern States represented by twelve Democrats and twenty Black Republicans, while there were fifteen Southern States represented by twenty-five Democrats and four Know Nothings.

In the House, the sixteen Northern States were represented by fifty-four Democrats and ninety Black Republicans, while the fifteen Southern States had forty-five Democrats, one Black Republican, and four Know Nothings.

It was evident, therefore, that if the Democratic party could be severed into a question involving the local prejudices of the North on one side, and the South on the other, the opposition would have the ascendancy. In the Senate, according to this division, the North would have thirty-two votes against the thirty of the South, and the South of two, and in the House the North would have one hundred and forty-four votes against the ninety of the South, or a majority of five-four.

The attempt was therefore made to divide the thirty-fifth Congress into Northern and Southern factions. The Black Republicans were an unit on the subject, and they found enough ambitious Democrats from the North, and unscrupulous Know Nothings from the South, to aid them in their unholy work. The question of admitting Kansas into the Union as a slave State under the Lecompton constitution, came up opportune for the coalition, and enough Northern Democrats and Southern Know Nothings joined the Black Republicans on this issue, to prevent Kansas from coming into the Union as a slave State. The admission of Kansas as a slave State would have made the power of the South equal to that of the North, in the Senate. This was known, and hence the mighty efforts to prevent the new slave State from coming into the Union. The Black Republican hosts were marshalled in a solid phalanx against the admission, and with their recruits from the Northern Democrats and Southern Know Nothings, the Congressional vote stood as follows:

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Southern Democrats (all)..... 75  
Northern "..... 22  
Southern Know Nothings..... 0  
Black Republicans..... 0

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